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Trans-Siberian Railroad

6. A rail line has been projected to connect Tynda and Skovorodino on the Trans-Siberian line.

7. On 5 October 1948, 1,210 tons of bridge building materials were reported to have passed through the frontier post of Otpor en route to Manchuria.

Krasnoye Sormovo Plant at Gorki

8. On 1 September 1947, the Krasnoye Sormovo Locomotive Factory at Gorki produced its first post-war locomotive, type "S.U." perfected. This new locomotive is expected to gain the general approval of railway men in a short time. Recently Sormovo locomotives [redacted] 25X1 of this series were declared "the best locomotives in the USSR." The Sormovo plant achieved its goals as set out in the annual plan of 1947 by [redacted] November. Several locomotives were constructed over and above the plan. Production plans for 1948, eight times greater than for 1947, were being carried out successfully.

9. ## Railway Construction Trusts of the MVD

9. Instructions have gone out from MVD in Moscow to construction trusts in the Ukraine, and at Tuapse, Poltava, Kislovodsk, Simferopol, and the Northern construction trust, near Salekhard on the OB, relative to the necessity of taking specific measures for the utilization of substitute materials, in view of the effort to economize in the use of essential materials. The instructions specify what measures will be taken. The trusts were instructed to make definite reports at stated times indicating what measures had been taken in compliance with these instructions.

10. There is a railway construction trust at Taishet on the Trans-Siberian railroad west of Irkutsk.

11. ## Industrial Enterprises

11. 17 August 1948

a. The Rostavl Railway Car Repair Shop of the Ministry of Transportation (Railways) has not done an adequate job of repairing cars sent there for reconditioning. None of the 72 cars repaired in May 1947 could be used, even after they had been repaired. The Chief Engineer, Romanov, is mainly to blame.

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b. The director of the Saratov Ball Bearing Plant is Orlov.

c. The Kirov Factory at Ust Katovsk makes all-metal first class railway cars.

Plants Connected with the Soviet Railroad Industry

12. a. Voronezh Rolling Mill of the Ministry of Transportation (Railways). This plant has completed production of its first series of steel trusses for railway bridges.

b. Ussuri locomotive repair shop

c. Dvinsk locomotive repair shop

Scarcity of Rails in Lithuania

1. Moscow authorities have informed several railway construction trusts that the Lithuanian SSR has no rails of a standard length but only fragments three to six meters long. The Lithuanian railway authorities are planning to weld electrically some of these unused fragments to make 15-meter rails. The Riga welding shops offer to do this job at 25,000 rubles per rail-kilometer.

Railroads in Kazakhstan

2. Since the October Revolution of 1917 the Soviets have quadrupled the length of railway trackage in the Kazakh SSR. New lines laid down include the following:

Akmolinsk - Kartali
Rubtsovsk - Ridmer
Uralsk - Iletsk
Neldy - Dzhezkazgan
Dzhambul - Chulak - Tau
Kar[redacted]ii - Taldy Kurgan

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3. The construction of the lines from Akmolinsk to Pavlodar and from Mointy to Chu [redacted] is being completed at an accelerated pace.

Mointy-Chu Railroad

4. The construction of this line was resumed in the spring of 1940 on a large scale. At that time work was undertaken on road grading, the laying down of ballast, the placing of rails and ties, the construction of bridges and buildings, and the installation of communications facilities.

5. The laying of tracks has been completed along 40 kms of the route in the south. Telephone poles have been put in place and wires have been put up for a length of 150 kms. At the same time, work is advancing rapidly on the northern sector.

d. Zaporozhe locomotive repair shop

e. Dneprpetrovsk railway car repair shop

f. 1905 Revolution Factory in Moscow

g. Revenge Factory in Tambov

h. Lt M. Kaganovich Factory in Lublin

i. Mashinostroi in Moscow

j. Tashkent Machine Construction Plant

Directorates of the Ministry of Transportation (Railways)

13. a. Central Directorate of Railway Construction for the East

b. " " " " " " " West

c. " " " Reconstruction of Lines Destroyed during the war.

d. Central Directorate of Industrial Construction

e. " " " Construction of Tunnels and Underground Railways and Reconstruction of Railway Bridges.